

## CLAIMS

What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A recording medium reading device comprising:

a receiving portion into which a recording medium is received;

conveyance means for conveying the recording medium inside the recording medium reading device;

reading means for reading information recorded on the recording medium; and

control means for controlling the conveyance means and the reading means,

wherein at least a portion of the receiving portion is an observation enabling member, through which a recording medium received into the receiving portion can be visually confirmed from outside the recording medium reading device.

2. A transaction apparatus comprising the recording medium reading device according to claim 1, further comprising input means for receiving input from a user for processing a transaction.

3. The transaction apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium reading device housed in a casing, and a portion of the casing neighboring the recording medium reading device is an observation enabling member.

4. A recording medium reading device comprising:

a receiving portion into which a recording medium is received;

a conveyor conveying the recording medium inside the recording medium reading device;

a reader reading information recorded on the recording medium; and

a controller controlling the conveyor and the reader,

wherein at least a portion of the receiving portion is an observation enabling member, through which a recording medium received into the receiving portion can be visually confirmed from outside the recording medium reading device.

5. A transaction apparatus comprising a recording medium reading device according to claim 4, and further comprising an input device receiving input from a user to process a transaction.

6. The transaction apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the recording medium reading device is housed in a casing, and a portion of the casing neighboring the recording medium reading device is an observation enabling member.

7. A method of operating a recording medium reading device comprising:

inserting a recording medium into a receiving portion;

conveying the recording medium inside the recording medium reading device;

reading information recorded on the recording medium; and

visually confirming receipt of the recording medium through at least a portion of the receiving portion that is an observation enabling member.

8. A method of operating a transaction apparatus comprising:

inserting a recording medium into a receiving portion;

conveying the recording medium inside a recording medium reading device;

reading information recorded on the recording medium;

visually confirming receipt of the recording medium through at least a portion of the receiving portion that is an observation enabling member; and

inputting information for processing a transaction.